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Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Pisano:

**SUBJECT:** Fine Particulate (PM2.5) Standard Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (*Destination 2030*) and 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as Amended

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the fine particulate (PM2.5) conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG's) 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), *Destination 2030* and the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) as amended. Effective April 5, 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated areas as nonattainment for the new PM2.5 standard. SCAG performed the conformity determination to demonstrate conformity of the RTP and RTIP for the new standard.

The SCAG made the conformity determination for the 2004 RTP and 2004 RTIP on February 2, 2006 (Resolution #06-471-2). The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by the SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met, including those for the PM2.5 standard. Based on our review, we find that the 2004 RTP and 2004 RTIP conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.102(d), this conformity determination fulfills the requirement that areas designated nonattainment for the PM2.5 standard complete a conformity determination by April 5, 2006. The FHWA and the FTA originally found the RTP and 2004 RTIP to conform to the applicable SIP on June 7, 2004, and October 4, 2004, respectively. This conformity determination does not re-start the three-year clock for the RTP or RTIP (40 CFR 93.104(b)(3) and (c)(3)) since SCAG relied on previous regional emissions analyses for portions of the conformity determination.



In accordance with the above MOU, this letter constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the SCAG's 2004 RTP and 2004 RTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity determination, please contact Jean Mazur, of the FHWA, at (916) 498-5732.

Sincerely,

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